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Third Quarter Montgomery County Crime Statistics Continue to Show Decrease in Crime

Montgomery County Police Chief J. Thomas Manger today announced a 4.1% decrease in total crime within Montgomery County for the third quarter of 2009. Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) statistics for the third quarter of 2009 as compared to the same period in 2008 show:

Part I Crime decreased 4.5%

Part II Crime decreased 3.9%

Overall, total Crime (Part I and Part II totals) decreased 4.1%

Part I Crimes Decreased by 4.5%:

Murder:	increased 66.7%	(from 3 to 5)
Rape:	decreased 18.9%	(from 37 to 30)
Robbery:	decreased 19.4%	(from 304 to 245)
Aggravated Assault:	increased 14.6%	(from 240 to 275)
Burglary:	decreased 18.5%	(from 986 to 804)
Larceny:	decreased 0.1%	(from 5,183 to 5,180)
Auto Theft:	decreased 20.0%	(from 599 to 479)

Part II Crimes Decreased by 3.9%:

Part II crimes are defined as minor assaults, arson, forgery-counterfeiting, bad checks, embezzlement, stolen property, vandalism, weapons offenses, prostitution, sex offenses, controlled dangerous substance (CDS) violations, gambling, family offenses, juvenile offenses, liquor law violations, disorderly conduct, suicide, and non-traffic offenses.

Cumulative Year to Date

Jan-Sep, 2009-2008

Part I Crime Decreased 6.4%

Part II Crime Decreased 3.7%

Total Crime Decreased 4.7%

Cumulative Year to Date

Murder:	decreased 23.1%	(from 13 to 10)	
Rape:	decreased 9.6%	(from 104 to 94)	
Robbery:	decreased 13.9%	(from 813 to 700)	-More-

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Aggravated Assault:	increased 4.9%	(from 653 to 685)
Burglary:	decreased 17.9%	(from 2,772 to 2,276)
Larceny:	decreased 0.9%	(from 14,028 to 13,908)
Auto Theft:	decreased 31.9%	(from 1,803 to 1,228)

Montgomery County Police Chief J. Thomas Manger commented, "I am very pleased to see a continuing trend of decreased crime in the county. While the number of murders increased during the third quarter, they are still down cumulatively for the first nine months of the year. The only category of crime to sustain an increase is aggravated assault (a forceful attempt or threat to inflict bodily injury often including the use of a weapon). With specific targeted deployment of our PCAT (Police Community Action Team) officers we hope to reverse this trend. I can't stress enough how important a strong community and police partnership is to effectively fighting crime in our county."

Note: A copy of these crime statistics, as well as those for previous years, is available at the Montgomery County Police website. They can be found on the homepage, and on the Media Services Division/Press Release page at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/police. A copy can be picked up at the Montgomery County Police headquarters, 2350 Research Boulevard, Rockville, MD.

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